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Continuation of 3. will not be entered because:

Applicants have amended base claim 15 to introduce new limitations that include the step of “assaying the degree of changes in nerve fibers to determine the neurofibrillary degeneration activity”, altering the scope of the claims previously examined. Applicants have presented new claims 51-53 that include limitations such as “adding a death inducer”, “assaying the degree of axonal degeneration, the mitochondrial respiratory activity, the LDH level in the culture supernatant or the DNA break level”, “assaying the binding of said protein to Akt1 protein”, and “a reporter bearing the binding sequence of NF-kB”, constituting subject matter not previously examined; requiring new search and consideration of patentability.

Continuation of 11. does not place the application in condition for allowance because:

Applicants' arguments are based on the proposed amended claims. However, as these claims have not been entered, the arguments are not found to be persuasive.

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